



Town of Abington

500 GLINIEWICZ WAY
ABINGTON, MA 02351

Board of Selectmen Meeting February 23, 2015 6:30 p.m. Cotter Room

Members present: Ken Coyle, Andy Burbine, Mike Franey, Tom Dion, Maureen Jansen

- **Public Announcements:**

Selectman Franey announced that the Boosters will be holding a Trivia contest on March 28, 2015 from 7-11 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus.

Selectman Jansen announced that the Abington High School Drama Class will be putting on the Adams Family at the Frolio on March 12 and 13th at 7:30 p.m. and March 14th at 2:00 p.m. The Abington Education Foundation will be holding a 5th grade jeopardy class room Feud on March 20th at 7:00 p.m. at the Frolio.

Selectman Dion announced on March 15, 2015 Etienne Bourgoïn, 2014 Division 3 Golf State Champion, and the Abington Greenwave Football team will be honored on March 15, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. at Emerald Hall.

Chairman Coyle stated a list of available seats for the upcoming election will be posted on the website. Little league registration will be February 24 and March 3rd from 7-9 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus and February 8th at the Abington High School Gym. The Teen Advisory Board is holding an ongoing food drive at the library, and Sunday, March 1st at 2:30 at the Dyer Memorial Library will be the Bridgewater Triangle Documentary.

Chairman Coyle also thanked the public safety departments for their efforts during these major storm events. Town Manager also thanked Marshall Adams, Building Commissioner; and Wayne Norling, IT Director, for their efforts in keeping the buildings and technology running.

- **Public Appointments:**

6:35 p.m. – Transfer annual package store all alcoholic beverages license of Kanaiyo LLC d/b/a Rosie's Liquors & Deli, 751 Bedford Street. Attorney Greg Demakis addressed the Board.
M/Franey to open the public hearing
S/Burbine
Voted 5-0

There were no abutters present, and all inspection reports are in order, and taxes are up to date.
There is no change in operation.

M/Franey to close the hearing
S/Burbine
Voted 5-0

M/Burbine to approve the transfer and pledge of the all alcohol license Rosie's Liquors & Deli
S/Franey
Voted 5-0

- Action/Discussion items:

1. Approval of December 15, 2014 open session minutes

M/Dion to approve
S/Franey
Jansen abstains
Voted 4-0-1

Approval of January 12, 2015 open session minutes
M/Dion to approve
S/Burbine
Voted 5-0

2. Vote to accept a give for the Veterans' Services Department (attached)

M/Franey to accept gift
S/Burbine
Voted 5-0

3. Selectmen Policy Review – Selectmen's Appointment and Reappointment Process to Appointed Boards and Committees – To date there have been no revisions requested. This will be placed on the next agenda for re-adoption. (attached)

4. Discussion on a website policy – After much discussion, it was determined that the individual Board members will provide the administration with their thoughts on how to continue to improve the website. Implementing a policy with these ideas will ensure that this is accomplished. It was noted that it has come a long way, and residents have made positive comments, particularly with regard to trash pickup delays due to the weather.

5. Vote to deficit spend in the snow and ice budget line item (attached)

M/Jansen to approve deficit spending
S/Dion
Voted 5-0

6. Open Special and Annual Town Meeting Warrant January 26, 2015; and refer any Zoning articles to the Planning Board for Public Hearing and Report. Close Special and Annual Town Meeting Warrant February 27, 2015 Noon. The Department Heads had been advised of the time frame.

M/Franey to close the warrants two weeks later on March 13, 2015 to ensure any possible petition articles, or other articles be included due to the interruptive schedule caused by the weather.

S/Burbine

Voted 5-0

7. Town Manager Report – Town Manager provided a General Update (attached)

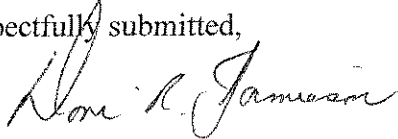
M/Franey to adjourn

S/Dion

Voted 5-0

Meeting adjourned: 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Dori R. Jamieson

Assistant Town Manager



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Greetings,

Enclosed please find a check for the funds earned during 2nd quarter 2014 as part of our cents per pound program.

In an effort to promote you as a host of a Planet Aid donation box, we are inviting you to submit a letter that details why you participate in and support Planet Aid's recycling efforts. We encourage you to include as many specifics regarding your partnership with Planet Aid as possible. Please take note of the company or organization that is hosting the box that your charity is benefiting from, their name is on the bottom of the check that is included.

All letters of recommendation that are received will be promoted in future Planet Aid presentations within and around your community. Your letter will give Planet Aid representatives an opportunity to promote your support of our charitable efforts, your business location and the services and/or goods you provide.

Please submit your letter (preferably on company letter head) to:

Planet Aid • Attn: Jackson Fernandes • 47 Sumner St. Milford, MA, 01757

Or, you may email a .pdf file of your letter to: jackson@planetaid.org

As always, your continued support of Planet Aid is appreciated! Should you have any questions or concerns, I hope you won't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Jackson Fernandes

Market Manager

Planet Aid

#5
Rick LaFond

From: Jack Caine
Sent: Friday, January 16, 2015 7:28 AM
To: Rick LaFond
Subject: Snow Report

Dear Mr. Richard LaFond,

Please allow this document to act as the first Snow Report for the 2015 Town of Abington season.

To Date the Highway Department and its crew, including seasonal employees have gone out a total of 12 times. Under usual circumstances (in the middle of the night) We are notified by the Police Dept. Sergeant on duty through the Dispatch. It takes the Crew between 3-4 hours to treat all Town roads one time.

This is a list of Dates

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| 1. 11/26/2014 | 2. 11/27/2014 |
| 3. 11/28/2014 | 4. 12/8/2014 |
| 5. 12/20/2014 | 6. 1/3/2015 |
| 7. 1/6/2015 | 8. 1/8/2015 |
| 9. 1/9/2015 | 10. 1/13,2015 |
| 11. 1/15/2015 | 12. 1/15/2015 |

Some of the Dates shown are duplicates and during our normal work week and do not require Overtime for the Union Personnel, but we still bring in sub-contractors (part-time) to drive our Sand Trucks.

We have spent \$ 44,227.77 on Salt and \$ 12,050.02 on Equipment repairs and updates. This includes work needed on the Sheds that are used to store our Anti-Icing materials.

Labor for the Department has cost \$ 13,702.82, This number includes outside contractors.

The Department Mechanics have been able to rebuild two of our older sidewalk plows. The reason behind the rehab was because these two machines are "track-type" and can go when the rubber tire equipment will slip. The cost to replace a "track-type" piece starts at & 130,000.00. They are the ONLY pieces of equipment that go "thru" the snow, but one is a 1969 model year and the other is a 1962. They will not live forever. We also purchased a new "V plow" for one of trucks which is something new to our Department.

Under the Capitol Plan for this year, I believe it is crucial for the Town to replace one of our Large Sand Trucks, It is a 1995 model year and is starting to rot faster than we can keep up with. The Replacement cost is roughly \$ 130,000.00 without any Snow Equipment. We can purchase the Truck using Chapter 90 funds but not the Snow Equipment. A Sander and Plow is \$45,000.00

To Date the Department has not had to Plow any snow, which is a huge savings to the Town. Hopefully we can end the season without Plowing.

Yours Truly
John J. Caine

John Caine
Director of Operations
Town of Abington Highway Department
225 Central St.
Abington Ma. 02351



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TO: BOARD OF SELECTMEN
FROM: TOWN MANAGER
DATE: January 22, 2015
SUBJ: GENERAL UPDATE

The following is meant to be a general update of activities of the Town Manager and staff. Should any member desire more information regarding any particular matter please contact me personally.

1. Griffins Dairy – On January 14 Dori and I visited Mr. John Hornstra at his facility in Norwell to discuss any continuing interest that he may have in utilizing the Griffins Dairy property. It was interesting and informative. We learned the following:
 - a. Mr. Hornstra is very familiar with the property in that his family and the Griffin family have been friends for very many years;
 - b. He DOES have a continuing interest in farming hay and corn on about 20 acres of the property for the specific purpose of feeding his cows in Norwell;
 - c. This would be more cost effective for him than trucking in feed from as far away as Kansas and even Canada as he must do now;
 - d. Each of his dairy cows eats about 100 pounds per day of hay/corn feed;
 - e. He has leases for town property with two other local towns and is familiar with the RFP process if necessary;
 - f. He understands that the town is seeking to “master plan” the property and that any lease arrangement is not imminent although he prepared to utilize the property if available as early as April.
2. Groveland Street Landfill - A meeting was held on Friday with Steve Wright and the company that holds our net-metering contract (Solare) to discuss the feasibility of a solar array at the Groveland Street landfill. My concerns going in and that we expressed is that anything that would compromise the current priority of the town in the form of a “no action” alternative would have significant financial ramifications for the town. Unless Solare is prepared to move beyond the current phase of examining alternatives and simply agree to cap the landfill in a manner that is acceptable to DEP this is probably not feasible. Solare is aware of this fact and is prepared to engage in a feasibility study to determine if this is a viable economic option. I am examining (with the help of town counsel) the necessary procurement requirements should this seem viable. Both Steve

Wright and I are a little skeptical that this is a viable piece of property considering the environmental challenges and time constraints that Solare would have to deal with. That being said – there is no harm or cost to us to allow them access to the existing environmental and regulatory information that Steve can provide rather quickly. Should this possibility have some viability it will be a decision for the Board of Selectmen.

3. Metro-South Meeting – Dori attended the MS Chamber of Commerce meeting on Friday and was able to discuss informally and get a good contact for possible assistance in moving forward with the Abington business association. Our initial letter to the business community will be going out next week. As I mentioned previously we want to be sure that we are working with MS and not creating an environment where they would possibly believe that we are competing with them.
4. Procurement – For three days a week, beginning next week, Dori will be attending the procurement officer certification course at Ashburton Place offered by the Inspector General's Office. Although time consuming, this is perhaps the best time of year to accomplish this.
5. Reminders:
 - a. Personnel By-Law/Code – Any feedback is appreciated;
 - b. TM Evaluation – At your convenience please let me know what days/times work for those with whom I have not yet met.



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TO: BOARD OF SELECTMEN
FROM: TOWN MANAGER
DATE: FEBRUARY 20, 2015
SUBJ: GENERAL UPDATE

The following is meant to be a general update of activities of the Town Manager and staff. Should any member desire more information regarding any particular matter please contact me personally.

1. Griffins Dairy – Old Colony Planning Council contacted me yesterday confirming interest and approval for the project and to set up an initial staff meeting to begin the master planning exercise. I expect that this will occur this coming week.
2. Sewer Permit - Brockton's (and technically Abington and Whitman) request to renew the NPDES (National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System) national permit for the Brockton sewer treatment facility has progressed to the public hearing stage. While the permit as outlined by EPA does not provide as much capacity as requested it should not in any way compromise the recent inter-municipal agreement with Brockton that increases the daily capacity for Abington. This IMA is dependent upon the expected issuance of the new public notice for the draft permit will be advertised in the Enterprise today (Friday, February 20) and the public comment period will run for 60 days. A public hearing will be held on March 24 (snow date March 31) at the West Middle School in Brockton.
3. Memorial Arch – I have confirmed that the bronze restoration will be our contractor's priority once spring arrives and the temperature is conducive. This will complete that project.
4. Snow/Ice/Local Aid – You may remember that I am a member of the MMA's Fiscal Policy Committee and we are meeting this coming Tuesday. I expect to get some insight on what the Governor is contemplating for a local aid proposal as well as information pertaining to any further storm relief that may be under consideration.
5. Charter Review – The Charter Review Committee has completed its work in reviewing and making proposals to update/refine the original charter that was approved ten years ago. The Chair has asked to be on the Board's agenda on March 9 to update the Board on

the process and final recommendations.

6. Chestnut/North Quincy Street – Although this is technically a Brockton project a public information meeting has been scheduled regarding the above-referenced intersection for Saturday, February 28, 2015 2:30-3:30 at the Mary Baker School in Brockton at which time public input is encouraged. The agenda includes : Review of Existing Conditions and Project Need; Summary of Road Safety Audit Findings; Discussion of Potential Improvement Options.
7. Reminder:
 - a. Personnel By-Law/Code – Any feedback is appreciated;